



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



# THE WOLF

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 14 OCTOBER

[West Bay Website](#)

2025-26  
KINDERGARTEN AND  
CATCHMENT GR 1-12



Registration Opens  
Online @ 08:00 AM on  
Tuesday 15 October  
[HERE](#)

Please carefully read the  
information regarding new  
documentation procedures  
before starting the  
application process. Click  
[HERE](#) for requirements.

**TIP: HAVE ALL YOUR  
DOCUMENTS IN PDF FORMAT  
READY TO UPLOAD AHEAD OF  
15 OCTOBER**

**ADMISSIONS FOR OUT OF  
CATCHMENT AND OUT OF  
DISTRICT STUDENTS  
OPENS AT 08:00 AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY  
2025**

**PAC MEETING - 17 OCTOBER, 7:00 PM**

**Zoom Link [HERE](#)**

**Meeting ID: 884 1467 1319  
Passcode: 660962**

**[AGENDA HERE](#)**

**Chess Club is Back!**

**Beginning Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Chess Club  
will run in the Library Learning Commons  
from 8:15 AM.** It is an opportunity for students with  
varying levels of chess ability to play together and learn  
some tips and tricks from more experienced players. All  
students in Grade 2-7 are welcome, regardless of  
ability. The Club will be run by Grade Six students  
Angelina and Arjun, and supervised by a West Bay Staff  
Member.



## LEARNING CONFERENCES

On October 23 and 24 we will be dismissing students early at  
11:30 to provide the opportunity for Student Learning  
Conferences.

A strong home-school connection with open communication is  
vital for student success in school. We hope the Learning  
Conferences are meaningful for families and here are a few  
tips to ensure they are.

### Write Your Questions Down

Before your Conference time, think through any questions you have  
or concerns you might want to address. You might want the teacher's  
perspective on books to recommend or maybe the math homework  
seems to be taking your child longer to complete than it should, and  
you're not sure how much you should intervene. This is a great time  
to ask.

### Knowledge of the IB Primary Years Program Can Help

As an IB School with a goal of developing students' leadership skills by  
developing aspects of the Learner Profile, some familiarity with the  
language commonly used in IB can be helpful. Teachers will avoid the  
use of jargon, but you may get a better sense of the goals we have for  
your child as IB learners if you have an understanding of the IB  
program.

Key information for parents can be found [here](#) and details on the  
Learner Profile are [here](#).

### Ask this Question

Consider this question: "How can I support my child at home?" This  
gives teachers an opportunity to talk about academic or social areas  
in which your child would benefit from help, reinforcement, or making  
connections outside of school. Avoid asking questions such as, "How's  
my kids doing?" or "How does my kid compare to other kids in the  
class?" These types of questions are broad and not helpful to  
supporting your child.

### Stick to the Schedule

Most of the time the conference time is going to feel sufficient, but if  
you feel like your child is struggling this probably will not feel like  
enough time to problem solve. Remember, though, that this can be  
the start of the conversation, not the end. If you hit on an issue that  
requires more conversation than you can fit in, make a plan to  
follow-up through email, phone, or another meeting. This isn't your  
only opportunity to talk to your child's teacher.

**COMING SOON  
LEARNING CONFERENCES  
23 AND 24 OCTOBER  
11:30 AM EARLY DISMISSALS**

**ONLINE BOOKING OPEN NOW UNTIL  
10 PM ON 22 OCTOBER**

To register for a conference please  
[click here](#)

1. Register for an account by clicking  
the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in  
the online form. Choose a user id and  
password for yourself and then click  
the "Register Now" button.

2. Add your children into the system  
by clicking the "Add a Student"  
button. Click "Insert New" button to  
add more children.

3. Click the "date" icon beside each  
child's name to schedule  
appointments. Select the staff you  
wish to book appointments with and  
the "View Calendars" button. Use the  
"Ctrl" or "Command" key to select  
multiple staff to view at the same  
time.

4. Click on available time slots to book  
your appointments and then click the  
"Book Appointments" button to save  
your bookings.

5. Any questions please contact your  
child/children's teacher. All  
appointments are expected to be in  
person but reach out to your child's  
teacher if you prefer an virtual  
conference

## OCTOBER

15	<b>25-26 Kindergarten and Catchment 1-7 Registration Opens</b>
17	K Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch by Bus <b>PAC Meeting</b>
18	<b>First Chess Club - 08:15</b>
22	<b>School Appointments Closes Online at 10 PM Deadline for Online Photo Orders</b>
22	Gr 7 Volleyball Game #1 Vs Hollyburn, Girls at Home and Boys Away
23	<b>Early Dismissal 11:30 Learning Conferences</b>
24	<b>Early Dismissal 11:30 Learning Conferences</b>
29	<b>Photo Retakes</b> Gr 7 Volleyball Game #2 Vs Westcot, Girls Away and Boys at Home

## TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to our grade 7 students for their insightful presentations to classes before the run and a shout out to all of our volunteers - the parents and grade 7 leaders who marshalled the route for Friday's Run.

West Bay raised \$800.00 which will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. If you still wish to donate you can do so [HERE](#) on our online link for a little while longer. Thank you Laura Willson for taking the lovely photos below. *Ms. E Miller, Vice Principal.*



## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS COMING UP

As students and families start to think about costumes, to ensure the day is fun for everyone, please observe the following dos and don'ts:

- Feel welcome to dress in a costume or not
- Continue to avoid costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. If you're looking for information on *cultural appropriation* vs. *cultural appreciation*, click [here](#) for a CBC video; and for a great list of questions to ask about whether a costume is appropriate or not, click [here](#) to see information from UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.
- Avoid masks, beyond, of course, medical masks worn for health reasons
- Do not bring any item that resembles a weapon
- Wear something comfortable that can be worn all day and can withstand being outside in any weather
- Students should be able to put on their costume and take it off to use the bathroom by themselves
- Avoid scented items that might irritate others (e.g. some hair colouring products)
- Come to school in your costume; students won't be able to visit the washroom for the purpose of costume updates
- Students should avoid bringing in Halloween candy as eating high sugar foods, and the idea of eating high-sugar foods, often distracts students from learning. Candy may be held for students and returned at the end of the day but is best avoided to begin with.

## QUICK, HEALTHY SNACKS TO CONSIDER FOR HOMEROOM CELEBRATIONS

- ☐ Yoghurt
- ☐ String Cheese
- ☐ Low-fat microwave popcorn
- ☐ Canned fruit or applesauce in single-serving containers
- ☐ Raisins and other dried fruit
- ☐ Whole wheat crackers
- ☐ Pretzels
- ☐ Flavored rice cakes
- ☐ Unsalted nuts
- ☐ Baby carrots
- ☐ Cherry tomatoes

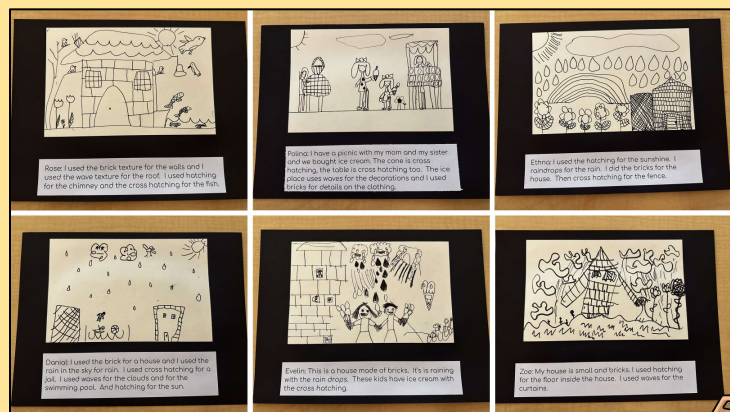






## HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IN GRADE 1

*Central Idea: Playing with materials creates opportunity for expression*  
Students have been exploring various textures that they can create with simple lines using a fine point felt tip black pens and small sample cards. After trying 5 different techniques students were challenged to create an image of their choice using as many textures as they could. Afterwards they reflected on the process one-on-one with the teacher.



## PROS AND CONS OF AN EARLIER START TIME

Students were given the challenge of coming up with pros and cons of the potential change to an earlier school start time. They brainstormed and compared different responses and considered different points of view. Students thought about how it would affect their learning and time after school. We also learned about how being late affects the body and causes flight or flight responses.



## SHARING THE PLANET

*When we look closely at our place we can see life within it*

We are pleased to offer a unique field trip opportunity for our Kindergarten students. In our year-long Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the Planet, students are learning to look closely at different places and examine the life within it.

Students will participate in a hands-on outdoor field study, at Richmond Country Farms on 17 October, using their senses to explore the farm and the different plants and animals that exist there.

## SCARECROWS

Gr 2 students had a lot of fun designing the outfits and then getting help from parents to fit fabric and glue gun them. The next step is to take photos of our **scarecrows** around the school to tell a story with a problem and a solution.



## LACROSSE

West Bay was fortunate to bring in guest coaches to introduce the game of lacrosse to students this week. Students learned about the game's origins, rules, and practiced some basic skills. The hands-on sessions allowed students to engage actively with the sport, fostering teamwork and coordination. It was a unique opportunity for students to experience North America's oldest game - thank you to parents for sponsoring this opportunity for students.

*Mr Kenneth Kim, Physical Literacy Teacher*



## PHOTO GALLERY IS NOW LIVE - ORDER BY 22 OCTOBER

Once your gallery goes live:

- Please visit the link [HERE](#) to access the gallery:
- Your web code to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.

**Missing your login code? No problem!**

- Visit [HERE](#)
- Enter the information required.
- Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

**Retakes:**

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- **If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: October 29, 2024**
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 25th 2024

## READING ROCKS

Our Reading Rocks were installed today. More details on this addition to the school yard will be shared next week.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

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## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE [HERE](#)

### Kindergarten Field Trip

by School Bus on 17 Oct,  
Richmond Country Farms

Click [HERE](#) for P Slip  
\$30.00 due online by 15 Oct

### Grade 4 Field Trip

By School Bus - 6 and 13 Nov,  
Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre  
Click [HERE](#) for P Slip for Div 7 and  
[HERE](#) for Div 8

\$30.00 due online by 23 October





## Parking Dos and Don'ts

October is a month where we typically settle into routines and it is important we settle into good routines. This applies to Drop-off/Pick-up as well. Please read these reminders so that dropping off and picking up is safe and efficient for all. A reminder that only Kindergarten parents, or those with an appointment or volunteering, should be using the upper lot. If others use it, the lot fills up which is stressful for everyone. Thank you.

### Please do

Drive as though a child might unexpectedly jump out onto the road at any moment.

Arrive sometime between 3-3:10 PM.

Typically, all traffic is cleared through by 3:13 PM.

Pull up as far as possible when picking up or dropping off.

Be patient with the person waiting in front of you. Exit the loop when they do.

Encourage your child to keep a keen eye out for you so that you can pick them up quickly.

Park in the upper lot off Westmount Place if your child is in Kindergarten or you are volunteering at the school or have an appointment. Park only in designated spots.

Park away from the school and walk; it's a great way to avoid congestion and start and finish the day with some exercise.

### Please do not

Speed through the School Zone.

Do not come well before dismissal at 3 PM. This creates a backlog and causes people to stop in no stopping areas and block the flow of traffic on Westmount Road and Thompson Place and Crescent. We have been warned by WV Bylaw that they will continue to patrol and ticket these areas.

Do not stop for pickup when there is room to move forward; this leads to a backlog and people potentially driving around you, which can be dangerous.

Avoid backing up to get around a car delayed in front of you.

Do not ask staff to look for your child; your child needs to look for you.

Do not park in undesignated areas, and do not leave your car in an undesignated area.

Do not park in the turnaround along Thompson Place.



Click to enlarge.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday (Foodie Kids/Aburi),  
Tuesday (Foodie Kids)  
Thursday (Foodie Kids/Panago)  
Friday (Foodie Kids)

**ORDER HERE**  
**ORDERING IS ONGOING**

Returning Parents [Here](#)  
New Parents [Here](#)

**LAST ORDERING DATE**  
WILL BE 15 MAY 2025 LAST LUNCH 20 JUNE 2025



## VOLUNTARY ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please understand that if you are choosing to take extended holidays when classes are in session, teachers cannot replicate the learning that happens within the classroom and are not able to provide online learning opportunities.

Our teachers do their very best to support students during required absences due to illness, however, when the absence is voluntary and a family's choice (such as extending a weekend, holiday, or vacation), it is a family's responsibility to maintain academic learning at home.

Please take time to read with your child, have them write in a "holiday" journal, do Math IXL online, participate in any assignments shared via Google Classroom (intermediate students), and take advantage of other emergent opportunities to practise foundational skills (e.g. following instructions and using math while cooking).

Families may email their child's teacher(s) to see if there is other work their child can do, however, our teachers' energy and focus continues to be on the learning of students within the classroom

## NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER JUST INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing for the inclement weather ahead and have a change of clothes in their backpack.



**Vancouver**  
**CoastalHealth**

## WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

### Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.

### Please keep your child home if they:

1. Have a fever.
2. Are too sick to take part in normal school activities.
3. Have a suspected or known communicable disease  
(i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
4. Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

### Where can I find more information

- Health Link BC - by calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)
- Sneezes and Diseases - online at [www.sneezesdiseases.com](http://www.sneezesdiseases.com)
- BCCDC - online at [schools.bccdc.ca](http://schools.bccdc.ca)
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- VCH - online at [Children and Youth health - Vancouver Coastal Health](http://Children and Youth health - Vancouver Coastal Health)
- School Administrators can also contact their School Public Health Nurse



WEST BAY PAC

DPAC	24-25 EXEC	24-25 PAC
6 Nov, 09:00 AM	10 Oct, 7:00 PM	17 Oct, 7:00 PM
4 Dec, 09:00 AM	7 Nov, 7:00 PM	14 Nov, 7:00 PM
8 Jan, 09:00 AM	5 Dec, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
5 Feb, 09:00 AM	9 Jan, 7:00 PM	16 Jan, 7:00 PM
5 Mar, 09:00 AM	6 Feb, 7:00 PM	13 Feb, 7:00 PM
2 April, 09:00 AM	6 Mar, 7:00 PM	No Meeting
7 May, 09:00 AM	3 April, 7:00 PM	10 April, 7:00 PM
4 June, 09:00 AM	8 May, 7:00 PM	15 May, 7:00 PM
	5 June, 7:00 PM	12 June, 7:00 PM

**KINDERGARTEN PAC EXEC NOMINATION FORM**

**ACCESS FORM [HERE](#).**

Please email forms by **October 16, 2024**, to [westbaypac@gmail.com](mailto:westbaypac@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS ARE A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY**

If you are able to help out please sign up [HERE](#).



  
West Bay PAC  
WhatsApp group



  
West Bay Mandarin  
Speaking



COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

Let us know you are coming by using the QR Code



**COME TO WEST VAN FC'S OPEN HOUSE**

West Vancouver Elementary Students, Parents and Educators are Welcome!

**FRIDAY, OCT. 25 | 3:45-4:45 PM**  
**AMBLESIDE PARK-SOCCER FIELD D (RAIN OR SHINE)**



Students will be invited to play in some fun warm-up games and mini World Cup with WVFC Staff coaches.

**Scott Slater**  
Principal  
West Bay Elementary | Cypress Park Primary  
IB World Schools  
Pronouns: He/Him/His  
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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.